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Rhetoric:

Sen. Lautenberg's spokesman Alex Formuzis said Frist's remarks exemplified what he believes are an attempt by Republicans to modify procedural rules to exert undue influence.

"This just illustrates how the Republicans are twisting Senate rules to force their will on the country," Formuzis said. "A filibuster is OK in some circumstances, just not when it comes to Bush's radical judges." *The Raw Story*, 4/19/04

Fact:

Senator Lautenberg once voted to end all filibusters. He was one of only 19 Senators to vote for this proposal. Does that mean he twisted the rules to force his own will on the country? Does he think filibusters are ok in some circumstances and not others?

In 1995, DEMOCRATS WANTED TO END ALL FILIBUSTERS

The proposal was sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), and Tom Harkin (D-IA).

- It would have eliminated ALL filibusters—legislative AND judicial.
- Only 19 Senators voted for it – *all Democrats*. This included Senators Kennedy, Kerry, Feingold, Sarbanes, Boxer, Lautenberg, Bingaman, Harkin, and Lieberman. 1/5/95, S. res. 14, CQ Vote #1